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The Premier's announcement this morning will likely reduce the efficiency and effectiveness of the WA Public Sector.

The announced job cuts mean a further reduction in public services to a rapidly growing population. Front line services such as child protection, offender management and crime prevention, licensing services, public dental clinics and school dental services, consumer protection, truancy management, police assistance and forensic services will be further run down.

The Premier's move to limit the independence of the WA Industrial Relations Commission is likely to result in **more industrial action** as it takes away Western Australians' right to access an independent umpire.

To rub salt into the wound the Premier applies double standards, limiting public sector staff wage movements to CPI but granting his staff wage rises of up to 52%.

There is no need to make changes to the current redundancy rules which already provide for dealing with people not willing to be redeployed or retrained. The Premier's priority should be on building high performance public services not running them down.

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